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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Fujio ITO et al.
Serial No.: 10/849,196
Filed: May 20, 2004
Title: A SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE
Group: 2811
Examiner: GEBREMARIAM, Samuel A.
Confirmation No.: 7289

AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
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August 30, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 30, 2005, the period of response for which has been extended by the timely filing of a Notice of Appeal on May 30, 2006 (together with an extension of time) and the filing of a Petition for Extension of Time herewith, please amend the above-identified application as listed below and set forth on the following pages:

Amendments to the claims;

Remarks are Included following the amendments; and

An Appendix with Sketches is provided following the Remarks.